

Amendments to the Claims

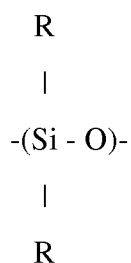
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A granulated foam control composition comprising:

(i) a foam control agent comprising:

a polydiorganosiloxane fluid comprising units of the formula



where each group R, which may be the same or different, is selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or an aryl group or aralkyl group having up to 36 carbon atoms, the mean number of carbon atoms in the groups R being at least 1.3,

a hydrophobic filler dispersed in the polydiorganosiloxane fluid; and

optionally an organosilicon resin; and

(ii) an additive composition of melting point 35 to 100°C comprising:

(A) a polyol ester selected from glycerol triesters, esters of pentaerythritol, or a mixture of polyol esters containing carboxylate groups of different chain length ~~which are esterified by carboxylate groups~~ each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms, wherein at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the glycerol triesters are esterified, and wherein at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the esters of pentaerythritol are esterified; and

optionally 5 to just less than 50% by weight of a component (B) selected from fatty alcohols containing 8 to 32 carbon atoms, fatty acids having 8 to 36 carbon atoms, or mixtures of monoesters and diesters of glycerol which are miscible with the polyol ester (A) and contains groups more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of the polyol ester (A) wherein the foam control agent (i) and the additive composition (ii) are supported on a particulate carrier with

the proviso that a mixture of (i) and (ii) is deposited onto the particulate carrier in non-aqueous liquid form.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the glycerol triester (A) is esterified by carboxylate groups each having 14 to 22 carbon atoms.

4. (Previously presented) A foam control composition according to Claim 3, characterized in that glycerol tripalmitate forms at least 30% by weight of the glycerol triester (~~A~~).

5. (Canceled).

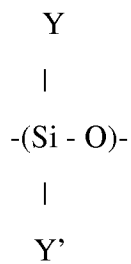
6. (Canceled).

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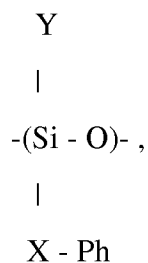
8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the polysiloxane fluid is a polysiloxane comprising at least 10% diorganosiloxane units of the formula

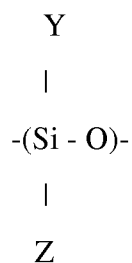


and up to 90% diorganosiloxane units of the formula

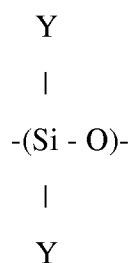


wherein X denotes a divalent aliphatic organic group bonded to silicon through a carbon atom; Ph denotes an aromatic group; Y denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and Y' denotes an aliphatic hydrocarbon group having 1 to 24 carbon atoms with the proviso that the mean number of carbon atoms in the groups R is at least 1.3.

11. (Previously presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the polysiloxane fluid is a polysiloxane comprising 50-100% diorganosiloxane units of the formula



and optionally up to 50% diorganosiloxane units of the formula



wherein Y denotes an alkyl group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms and Z denotes an alkyl group having 6 to 18 carbon atoms.

12. (Canceled).

13. (Canceled).

14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented) A granulated foam control composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the organosilicon resin is a siloxane resin consisting of monovalent trihydrocarbonsiloxy (M) groups of the formula $R''_3SiO_{1/2}$ and tetrafunctional (Q) groups $SiO_{4/2}$ wherein R'' denotes an alkyl group and the number ratio of M groups to Q groups is in the range 0.4:1 to 1.1:1.

16. (Previously presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the hydrophobic filler has an average particle size of from 0.5 to 30 μ m.

17. (Previously presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, characterized in that the additive composition is present at 20-200% by weight based on the polysiloxane fluid.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Previously Presented) A granulated foam control agent according to Claim 1, characterized in that a water-soluble or water-dispersible binder is also supported on the particulate carrier.

20. (Canceled).

21. (Canceled).

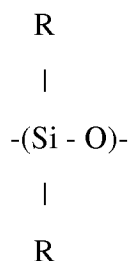
22. (Canceled).

23. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a granulated foam control composition comprising:

mixing:

(i) a foam control agent comprising:

a polydiorganosiloxane fluid comprising units of the formula



where each group R, which may be the same or different, is selected from an alkyl group having 1 to 36 carbon atoms or an aryl group or aralkyl group having up to 36 carbon atoms, the mean number of carbon atoms in the groups R being at least 1.3;

a hydrophobic filler dispersed in the polydiorganosiloxane fluid; and
optionally an organosilicon resin;

and

(ii) an additive composition of melting point 35 to 100°C comprising:

(A) a polyol ester selected from glycerol triesters, esters of pentaerythritol, or a mixture of polyol esters containing carboxylate groups of different chain length ~~which are esterified by carboxylate groups~~ each having 7 to 36 carbon atoms, wherein at least 90% of the hydroxyl groups of the glycerol triesters are esterified, and wherein at least 70% of the hydroxyl groups of the esters of pentaerythritol are esterified; and

optionally 5 to just less than 50% by weight of a component (B) selected from fatty alcohols containing 8 to 32 carbon atoms, fatty acids having 8 to 36 carbon atoms, or mixtures of monoesters and diesters of glycerol which are miscible with the polyol ester (A) and contains groups more polar than the carboxylate ester groups of the polyol ester (A);

and

depositing the mixture of (i) and (ii) on a particulate carrier with the proviso that the mixture of (i) and (ii) is in non-aqueous liquid form prior to depositing it onto the particulate carrier.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Canceled).

26. (Canceled).

27. (Previously Presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, wherein the glycerol triester is selected from glycerol tripalmitate, glycerol tristearate, or glycerol triesters of saturated carboxylic acids having 20 or 22 carbon atoms.

28. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a granulated foam control composition according to Claim 23, wherein the glycerol triester is selected from glycerol tripalmitate, glycerol tristearate, or glycerol triesters of saturated carboxylic acids having 20 or 22 carbon atoms.

29. (Previously Presented) A granulated foam control composition according to Claim 1, wherein the mixture of polyol esters containing carboxylate groups of different chain length is selected from a mixture of glyceryl tristearate and glyceryl tripalmitate, a mixture of glyceryl tristearate and glycerol triesters of saturated carboxylic acids having 20 or 22 carbon atoms, or ethylene glycol distearate and glycerol triesters of saturated carboxylic acids having 20 or 22 carbon atoms.